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(SBU) Poloff delivered Ref A demarche November 3 to Luis Carranza, Deputy Director for UN Affairs in the Foreign Ministry's Multilateral Affairs Directorate. Carranza reported that Guatemala had not passed implementing legislation required for CWC state parties, and would not do so before the December 2006 deadline. Carranza also reported a similar lack of implementing legislation for the Biological Weapons Convention. Carranza stated that his goal was to incorporate CWC and BWC implementation into a draft counterterrorism bill that had recently been introduced in the Guatemalan Congress. Carranza had a pending request (Ref B) for OAS/CICTE funding for a Foreign Ministry-hosted CT legislation seminar that included as one of its goals the incorporation of CWC and BWC provisions into the pending CT bill. The seminar was initially scheduled for November 2006 but has been postponed to January 2007.